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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have taken a decision to route their funding to NGOs for the Reproductive and Child Health (RCH) Programme through the State Governments as reported in the Press on March 26, 2003;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government have finalised new norms for the implementation of the above programme through NGOs; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a) to (d): Yes, Sir. The Government have taken a decision to route its funding to NGOs and Voluntary Organisations for the Reproductive and Child Health (RCH) programme through the State Governments. Previously under Reproductive and Child Health (RCH) Programme the flow of funds was direct from the Government of India to the NGOs. Now as per new guidelines the flow of funds for NGO schemes will be from the Government of India to the States. The States will be responsible for release of funds to the NGOs. This has been done to promote decentralization and improve monitoring of work of NGOsNew norms and guidelines in this regard have been finalized.